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## The Student's Role in Bargaining

by Dotty Tisevich

The following article was printed on January 23, 1975. It explains collective bargaining and the possibility of its coming to Bridgewater State College. As a result of faculty unionization, then seen as not too in the future. It is now upon us. The faculty of BSC has recently voted to unionize and, to be put in its most simplified form, are at present looking at the various unions to determine which to join.

Collective bargaining is two or more parties trying to reach a compromise suitable to all. The meetings between these parties are called sessions and are governed by rules determined in preliminary sessions.

The effect of collective bargaining on students is that they often play a diminished role in the decision-making process on campus, whereas the role of the faculty has been strengthened. Often fees are raised to compensate for higher faculty salaries, and any faculty strike would mean interruption of the students' education, therefore diminishing the quality of education at the institution.

Students do, however, have certain rights which may not be ignored. They have the right to pursue their education, they have their existing rights on campus, and they have rights established by

precedents at other colleges and universities. Those rights cannot be bargained away and students should be aware that they have them.

There are two methods of student participation in collective bargaining—direct and indirect. In direct participation students are involved with college governance, conduct faculty evaluations, and conduct departmental evaluation. This method of participation demonstrates students' desires to be involved and their concern about their education.

By indirect participation students are involved in the bargaining of the faculty for such things as working conditions, class hours, and academic freedom. This means that students can use pressure and influence these factors because their education is at stake. Although these two methods of involvement do not give students a seat at the bargaining table or insure consideration of their input, they are effective ways of getting attention and making student opinions known.

Possible courses of action for students are the unionization of students (similar to the unionization of faculty), keeping close tabs on and following trends on other campuses and their activities, and being an observer at the bargaining

table.

Ideally, students should try to obtain status as a third party with individual participation at the bargaining table, as opposed to coming to the sessions as "friends of the faculty." The latter has the drawback of no right to participate in discussion unless the faculty yields the floor to the students.

If students do achieve status as a third party at the bargaining table, they must choose someone to represent and speak for them. Sometimes students hire a lawyer to represent them (e.g. Salem State), but this usually does not work out. The lawyer does not think on the same level as the students and does not fully understand position. It is more advisable for the students to represent themselves.

In choosing a student representative some important considerations are: credibility (is the student honest?), trust (is he/she trusted by both faculty and administration as well as by his/her fellow students?), and respect (can he/she claim respect from the same three factions?). Also important are consistency of attendance and the ability to communicate on a par with lawyers, faculty, and administrators.

Students should strive for certain conditions at the bargaining table. The most important are the right to

caucus (stops discussion and the students may gather separately and discuss strategies, votes, issues, etc. Faculty and administration have it—students should), the veto (this is often requested by students but seldom given), the right to submit proposals, the right to receive circulars and correspondence (to keep up with the action), and one more condition (usually considered undesirable by students), the right to forestall faculty negotiations. This last power has many drawbacks and usually is not granted anyway.

There are some power strategies that students may employ to strengthen their position at the bargaining table. One is to determine faculty interests and support them when it is advantageous. Faculty will appreciate the support and may return the favor or give in to the students in some other instance.

Another strategy is to support the administration in the same manner as support was given to the faculty.

Possibly the most powerful student strategy is that of the "Pendulum Swing." Students as a third party can often sway either one side or the other in a standstill.

There are some very serious problems facing students as a result of collective bargaining coming to their campuses. One thwarts on the

possible courses of action students may take. Student Unions are not legally recognized. This would require legislation guaranteeing students' rights. Therefore, the formation of a student union would not insure student participation of collective bargaining sessions.

Another problem to watch for is to be sure that students' rights aren't bargained away by faculty and administration. Even if students don't achieve third party status they should keep up with the sessions just to insure their own rights.

A third problem facing many students is that with raises in faculty salaries, students' fees are often raised. Well, if faculty salary is raised, shouldn't students' tuition be lowered? Finally, it is very important that students make sure that courses fulfill the objectives and outlines as set out in the catalogs. If they don't, students can take legal action.

The above information has been collected at various Student Government conferences and workshops. The majority of the information is from Nina Michaud, student collective bargaining representative and Student Government President at Fitchburg State College.

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## Book Budget Inadequate

Not infrequently during the past few months the question has been asked at the library "Why are we not getting any new books?" This question is asked by both faculty members and students. The main and indeed only reason is that we have little or no money to pay for them. The library, like all other departments at the college, is in serious financial straits.

In reviewing the past decade, Dr. Owen T. P. McGowan pointed out that the library had gone from lean to fat to lean at a remarkably rapid pace.

In 1965 the library was housed in what is now the Art Center, had a total collection of 38,000 volumes, subscribed to 900 periodicals and had a staff of eight. Correspondingly, the college offered fewer programs, had fewer departments and fewer faculty members.

During that decade-plus, great strides were taken. The library expanded and moved to a completely new building capable of housing 400,000 plus volumes and providing a wide range of services exploring every facet of all that is new in library technology. The staff has increased to approximately 38 FTE and the collection has grown to more than 150,000 volumes. In addition the library now subscribes to more than 1400 periodicals.

During this lush decade one of the major factors affecting the growth of the library was an exciting statewide

program called Books For College Libraries.

This program served in two ways: it brought the librarians of all the State Universities, colleges and community colleges together to discuss common problems and, hopefully, to find answers; and it provided a base whereby clout could be used to obtain funding for libraries.

Initially and for some years the project was remarkably successful at both levels. The librarians of MCCLPHEI (Massachusetts Conference of Chief Librarians of Public Higher Educational Institutions) are still meeting to discuss common problems but seem, however, to have lost their clout with regard to obtaining funds.

From 1970 until 1975, nonetheless, this group of not exactly timid librarians was responsible for obtaining \$521,157.00 for Bridgewater State College. This funding was largely responsible for the growth in our collection. However, this funding has ceased since the present administration at the State House prescribed major budgetary surgery for Public Higher Education. The BCL Project was one of the first to go under the fiscal austerity knife and the result is that public higher education has been short-changed throughout the Commonwealth.

Books for College Libraries was our major source of revenue and

libraries were beginning to feel that they did matter, after all, in the education program. Moreover, from a fiscal point of view, this was a sound program that effected great savings for the Commonwealth. The combined purchasing of 31 colleges enabled the Commonwealth to achieve substantial discounts and the University of Massachusetts acted as the agent for cataloging and distributing books to all colleges at a cost lower than anywhere else in the country.

This then is the reason why we are buying so few books. We do, however, have some moneys provided from other sources. The substantial periodical invoice received each year is absorbed by the 13 accounts here at the college and I would like to express warm words of praise for the College Administration for taking the position (one of the few administrations to have done so) that it is vitally important that we maintain our periodical collections. Once a periodical is discontinued it is difficult, sometimes impossible and always costly to obtain it at a later date. Fortunately, therefore, we have not had to discontinue any of our periodicals.

However, our book budget is woefully inadequate. Not only do we have less money but costs are considerably higher and some of the money we do have must be used to

replace lost (for one reason or another) books.

The recent inventory disclosed that 1,900 volumes are missing and unaccounted for. Although this represents only a tiny fraction of our 150,000 volumes, the stolen books are among the best titles we had. The following is a representative sampling of the stolen books:

Owens, Jesse. *Blackthink: My Life as a Black Man and White Man*  
Park, Joe. *Bertrand Russell on Education*  
Heyerdahl, Thor. *The Ra Expeditions*  
Speer, Albert. *Inside the Third Reich*  
Tuchman, Barbara. *The Guns of August*  
Kennedy, John F.. *Profiles in Courage*  
Churchill, Winston Spencer. *Marlborough, His Life and Times*  
Burkhardt, Jakob C. *The Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy*  
Sartre, Jean-Paul. *Being and Nothingness*  
Fast, Julius. *Body Language*  
Freud, Sigmund. *The Interpretation of Dreams*  
Brecht, Bertolt. *Seven Plays*  
Baldwin, James. *Go Tell it on the Mountain*  
Roethke, Theodore. *Collected Poems*  
Wells, H. G. *The Short Stories of H. G. Wells*  
Doyle, Arthur C. *The Complete Sherlock Holmes*  
Donne, John. *Complete Poetry and Selected Prose*  
Milton, John. *Complete Poetry of John Milton*  
Verlaine, Paul. *Oeuvres Poetiques Completes*

Dumas, Alexandre. *The Man in the Iron Mask*

The current average cost per volume of hardbound trade-technical books is approximately \$17.00. Therefore, the cost of replacing all of the missing 1,900 volumes would be in excess of \$30,000. However, since some of the missing volumes are out of print, they are not all replaceable, and are lost forever.

A library of our size should normally be acquiring 12,000 to 15,000 of the 40,000 books published annually in the English speaking world. With our small book budget of approximately \$30,000, we can only purchase a small fraction of the books we need (roughly 1,800 titles); moreover, some current titles not immediately acquired after publication cannot be purchased later because publishers sometimes restrict printings to the first or perhaps second press run. Consequently, it is not unusual for a current title to go out of print within a year of publication; if not bought early, it is, for all practical purposes, lost to the library forever (unless the o.p. search market is tapped, in which case one must pay an average of three times the original price of the book).

The library fee has remained static at \$5.00 per student since its inception in 1969. However, the cost of library materials since then has soared. For example, (all of the book cost figures are official statistics of the American Association of Publishers), the average trade-technical book in 1969 cost \$8.77, while in 1975 the price had risen to \$16.19, a 90% jump.

# Editorial

This will not be your ordinary, everyday editorial complaining about the food provided by Custom Food Services. However! It will be a registered complaint about their meal plans.

As of today, their present system is anything but fair. The Food Services provide each dormitory student with two choices for meal plans. The first one, the 15-meal plan, allows students three meals per day Monday through Thursday, two meals on Friday, and the evening meal on Sunday. For those students who remain on campus for the majority of weekends, they offer the 19-meal plan which satisfies their hunger pangs all through the weekend. Now - here comes the gripe!

Many times throughout the week students, for one reason or another, fail to eat one or more of their meals. Subsequently, they have paid for a meal and have not received any food. Granted, the food was there if they wanted it, but the fact remains that they did not receive anything for their hard-earned money. Why can't this rip-off be stopped?

What I am about to suggest is that the Food Service provide a meal plan where each student has the opportunity to use their meal tickets whenever they wish. This program is in effect in several school systems. An example of how this proposed program could be implemented is as follows: For each student who has the 15-meal plan, allow them to eat their meals any time they wish - whether it be during the week, or on weekends. A simple process to get this in effect could be: For each school week, the meal ticket will provide boxes containing the numbers 1 through 15 or 1 through 19, whatever the case may be. Then, as each meal is eaten, each consecutive number will be crossed off until all fifteen (or nineteen) meals are eaten for the specified week.

If this was implemented, students could get more of what they pay for, and the Food Service wouldn't be able to take as much advantage of students as they presently do. This is especially true for those students who have the 19-meal plans -- when they go home on weekend, their meals are lost.

Surely the Food Service will consider this possibility - it makes sense. Think about it!

JSA

## Letters to the Editor

To the Student Body:

Using logic that would befuddle Solomon, the SGA Senate has struck two issues with amazing absurdity.

First we will now have a new information booth, something I'm sure you will agree we've desperately needed, now we have an information area to tell us about the other information areas. This is because the Senate in its all-knowingness believes the average college student can't find his way around the overwhelmingly huge Bridgewater State Campus. These same students somehow though did manage to get through 12 years of education and into BSC but that's all right, big brother (the SGA Senate) is going to make sure we can find our way around big bad BSC.

How much money is this going to cost? Oh, well this is just in the planning stages and we just came to get SGA endorsement. Yes, but how much money will this be? Well, we just want to know if we can do it. Becoming slightly exasperated, I understand that but there will be some cost won't there? Looking the other way and slightly under his breath, yea about 500 dollars.

I ask you do we really need big brother to take 500 of our dollars to take us by the hand and make sure we have an information booth for the information booties? And as a member of the Senate's Ways and Means Committee and based on the difficulty of balancing next year's budget 500 dollars is going to become harder and harder to come by.

The Election Committee prohibited my name from being placed on the ballot because of my being 52 signatures short of the 100 required. What the election committee apparently did not do was take into account the extenuating circumstances surrounding this inability. But I suppose they felt being out six school days with mononucleosis isn't sufficient enough reason for not charging out and getting those one hundred signatures. Well, the election committee says, you should have at least informed us of your intention to run. But isn't having someone turn in signatures in your name sufficiently informing you? Furthermore the week before I had run for the first vice presidency and collected the four hundred signatures for that position.

But the height of absurdity was the committee's sudden reversal on this point. In the Executive Board elections neither the Secretary of

the SGA nor two Senators at Large had the proper number of signatures if any at all but they got on the ballot because the positions hadn't been filled. Now with the grand (not so grand actually) total of one Freshman running for four senate seats the Election Committee decides to reverse itself two days before the election was supposedly to be held.

But (and here's the capper folks) to show that the election committee is a truly efficient group, on Friday April 22, when primaries were supposed to be held not only was the committee not there to hold it they hadn't so much as reserved a table from the Student Union. The only reason a primary was held at all was because first vice president elect Al Silva (amember of the election committee all of a week) said the heck with it I'm not going to wait for them and went ahead and held the election.

So there ladies and gentleman is YOUR SGA at work.

Jim Driskell  
Freshman Senator

## Class Elections Confusion

To the editor and students:

I'd like to respond to a letter about the procedure for class elections which appeared in this column last week. First, let me apologize for the confusion and inconvenience that was caused by the Student Government Association, to the candidates and the student population at large. There were many problems with both SGA Senator and Class Officer elections, and since we run all of these elections, any problems are our responsibility.

There is an Elections Committee of the Student Government Association which is responsible for publicizing and supervising elections. Unfortunately, this committee does work which is not as interesting as that of some other Senate and All-College committees, and elections requires a great deal of time from those involved in the process.

Also, since the Student Government Association does not pay anyone for the time they spend on committees, we must depend on the commitment of each student to the organization. This is difficult because people have schoolwork to do, they often must work to make money, and they have to enjoy their college days and party. All these factors interfere with Student

because people have to set priorities, and they are here to be students first.

So, taking these problems into account, all we can do is apologize for all our errors and promise to do our best to run well-organized elections in the future and let people know about them. If you would like to help us improve the elections procedure, please contact me in the Student Government Association office, either now or next fall.

Sincerely,  
Joe Lamothe  
SGA President

## "Thanks" to Class of '79

To the Class of 1979: I would like to extend to all, a sincere thanks, for the overwhelming support I received in the election to President of the Class of 1979.

Let us now organize to become a more united class for our own betterment. As commuters or resident students we must join forces to make the school year 1977-1978 very successful.

I hope the student body will support the efforts of the officers to achieve our goals.

Thank you once more.

Sincerely,  
Mike Palma

## Day Care Center!

The Early Childhood Learning Center, sponsored by the SGA, is being evicted by the Mass. Dorm Authority from the basement of Pope Hall at the end of the semester. The space now being used by the Center will be converted into rooms for 29 out of the 52 students being displaced by the closing of Tilly. The Center has no place to relocate.

The Lab School, which was to have been completed in 1974, may now tentatively be finished by January 1979. At that time, some space at the Burnell School has been committed to the Day Care Center by President Adrian Rondileau. There is no site for the Center to temporarily relocate for the next year and a half.

A search for a viable site has been conducted since January February. There are a few locations on campus but being considered for the Day Care Center.

A request for space has been made to the Student Union. The drawback for the Union is that space is at a premium and being used to its fullest capacity. The Union would also be hard pressed to find any space which would meet the state code without renovations.

The library has also been considered. Joan Larson, Director of the Center states, "Some sites have already been investigated, The Library Staff Lounge, which meets the state Day Care Codes was one, but by nature, an academic library and a Day Care Center existing in the same building are incompatible." The loss of the Lounge to the Library staff members could have a debilitating effect on morale. There is a possibility of a noise problem, however, this might be corrected with a minimum of expense.

If all else fails, President Rondileau will grant funds to renovate the Teacher placement Office in Tilly. Only 25 children can be accepted into the program instead of the present 32 because of lack of space.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Bridgewater students of the plight of the Day Care Center. It is important that students are aware of the difficulties of the Day Care Center as well as possible solution to those difficulties. We hope that students will make the effort to be well informed about continuing developments in the Day Care situation and will make their opinions known to student leaders and the administration.

Valerie Kemp



## OBSERVATORY NEWS!

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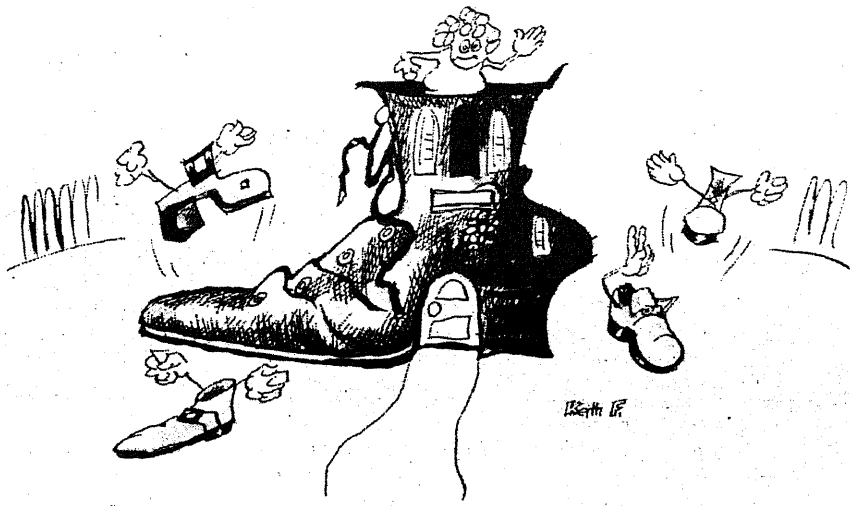


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## New Summer Courses!

by Joan Thibeault

There will be two new courses offered by the Department of Education this summer.

SE 415- Methods and Materials for the Academically Talented will be offered again during the first summer semester. Last year it was quite a success! It is a three credit course which features a workshop with gifted children as part of its format. Several guest speakers are scheduled. They will include experienced teachers of gifted children and directors of programs for the academically talented.

BSC is one of the only colleges in the area to offer such a course. It aims at improving the teaching abilities of students in the field of teaching the gifted but it is also beneficial to anyone interested in any kind of teaching.

The second course offered is SE 426- Workshop in Applied Special Education for the Gifted and

talented.

This course is an entirely new concept and will be offered the second summer semester. It follows a full workshop format. Students will have the opportunity to teach gifted children. Creative teaching techniques will be stressed and students will be exposed to the latest methodological advances in the field of teaching talented children. There will be guest speakers who are well experienced in this field. The aim of the course is to boost teacher effectiveness with talented children.

Both of these courses are open to all students. The prerequisite is a Py 100 course but this requirement can be waived. Both courses are still open. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for either course, please get in touch with Dr. Greenwald in the Special Education Office in Boyden Hall. Don't let this excellent opportunity pass you by!

## Spring Car Inspection Tips

by Doug Schorr

With spring inspection upcoming, students with cars should be reminded that the deadline date for attaining stickers is May 15. To avoid excessive waiting, it is best to have your car inspected immediately.

Certified inspection stations are on the lookout for certain defects on the car. The inspection will check your headlights, both high beam and low beam, your brake lights, your rear lights, your signal lights, your exhaust system, your horn, and your wipers. There are some inspection stations, though,

that will neglect your signal lights, wipers, and horn. In fact, there are two of them in Bridgewater. Occasionally, these stations will forget one of the other defects, too.

The individual student can save possible expense for himself by following one step before applying for inspection. The lights on your car should be checked for a possible loose connection of the wires. This could save money by negating the

Don't push inspection past the official deadline or you could be in store for a \$25.00 fine. Police and registry officers are on the lookout for cars without stickers after the deadline.

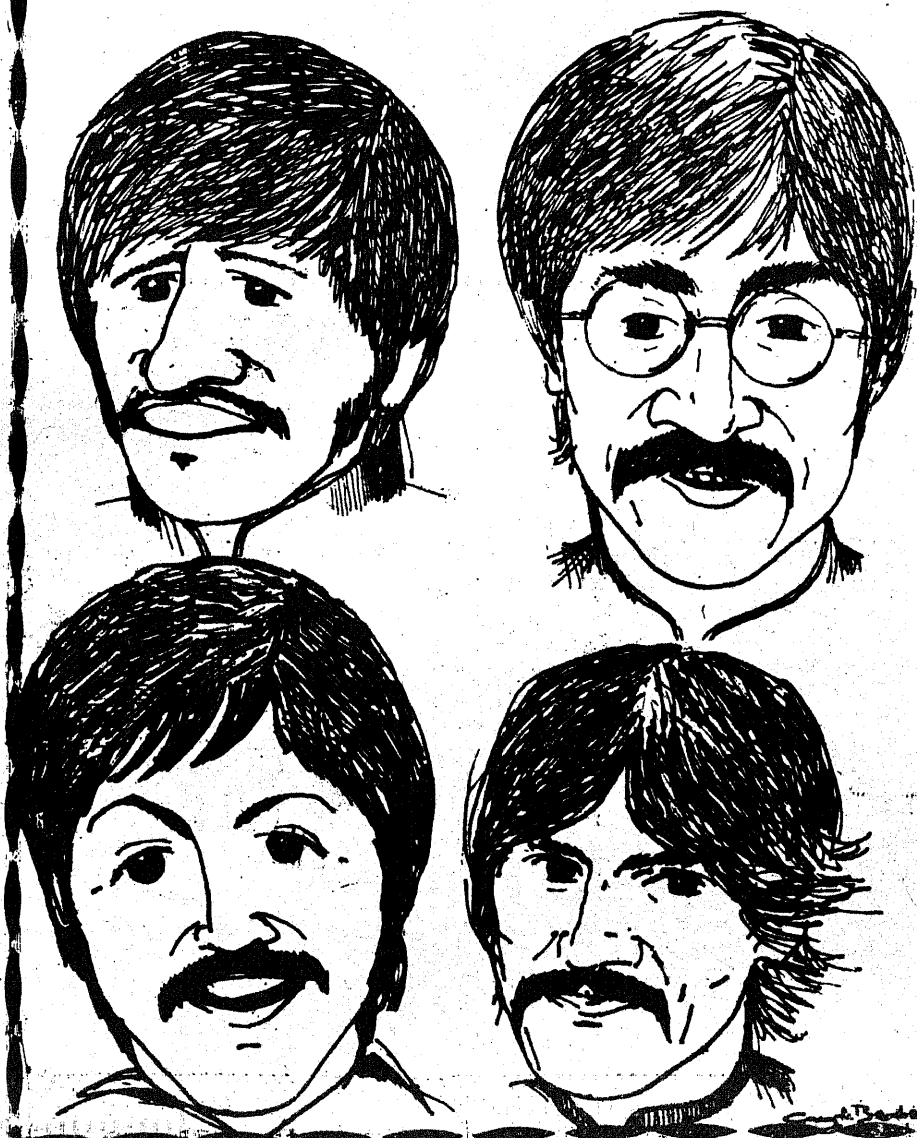
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# Classifieds

## for sale

Women's 26" 3 speed bicycle. Very good condition. Used very little. Paid \$60, asking \$45. Will deliver. Call 947-9119.

Twin bed and mattress-\$20, Desk-\$10, Portacrib-\$5. Assorted children's furniture, 8'x10' Tent-\$12, Coleman stove, lanterns. Call 823-0183 after 5.

1968 Buick Skylark, good transportation. \$200, Call Bob Hoekzema, Earth Science, extension 321.

Men's 3 speed 26" Columbia bicycle, \$25. Call Bob Hoekzema, extension 321.

Pair of new Chippawa boots. Cheap, uninsulated, vibram sole. Size 13C, will fit 12.5 foot. Good for light hiking and work. Contact Paul, Room 201, Scott.

## help wanted

South Shore Ice Cream needs drivers for a Hood Ice Cream truck. Applications will be accepted Mon.-Fri. at 9-4 and Sat. at 9-2. Routes available immediately. Call or visit South Shore Ice Cream, 41 Perkins St., Brockton. 583-9560.

Good Humor Ice Cream and Ice Cream Trucks are now available! Apply for a route in your area! Apply daily at 8-4 at Good Humor Ice Cream, 1033 Turnpike St. Rte. 138, Canton. 828-8734

## housing

Two girls need an apartment or room for next semester! Within walking distance from school. If there is anyone with an apartment who will not be returning next year, please let us know. Also, if there is anyone who is interested in going in on an apartment get in touch with: Deb 668-3844 or Debbie 668-2444.

Looking for 1 or 2 girls to share an apartment with me. Begin, now or soon is possible. Foxboro, Mansfield, Norwood area. Call Kim at 543-4916 or 339-8395.

## personals

Michael, Thank you for making my 20th one to remember. I always liked to drink warm beer at midnight! That was a bit ridiculous, but than again, the whole day was crazy and loads of fun. Thanks for a special day. Anybody want to know what time it is!?! Love M.

Betty G. Miss Diso queen and artist of South Shore N.H. I thank you for a enjoyable evening. The morning newspaper and I got home the same time 5:30. I was talking with Norman Connors and betcha-by golly-wow you are the starship. That is cause he only has eyes for you. I thank you again and I hope you enjoyed the carnation and the beach. Mark E. PS- Trying to get me drunk during the badmitten game didn't work. What next-sky diving.

Simone de Bouvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, Norman Vincent Peale, George Patton, Alexander Nevsky, Casimir Pulaski, Lord Kitchener, Oscar Wilde, Confucius, J.B. Watson, Sir Kenneth Clarke, Baron Von Richtofen, Vlad the Impaler, Charlemagne & Reinholdt Newbuhr. Q. What do these people have in common? A. Absolutely nothing. But wouldn't it make a great film? (Compliments of E.J.G.)

To all my friends at BSC:

Soon many of us will leave BSC and never return as students. I would like to take this opportunity to reach out and thank friends who mean so much and who have brought to me so much happiness by being a part of my life: Here is the best way in which I can express my gratitude and thoughts on what I've learned in my two years here.

Through life my friends we can travel together.

Truth, love, peace and beauty we have sought apart but will find within.

For us to assimilate our efforts into one,

While growing in accepting, and trusting, and sharing the individuality of others.

Is truly to enjoy the greatest of gifts- friendship

Through life my friends we are together.

For we now know each could go it alone. H.B. Class of 79. (Adapted from R.D. Kellough's We Are One).

JUDI-I knew this would attract your attention. Bob

TO ALL MALES ON CAMPUS: Due to excessive and unnecessary grief given to females by the male population on this campus and surrounding areas, there will be a new fee added on to your bill next year. For further information inquire at your local butcher shop or Pope Hall. "The Machete Quartet"

We are pleased to announce that the Aesthetics Committee is alive and well at Bridgewater State College. All art imposters beware. Signed: The Aesthetics Committee.

Sat. Nite Live 1-No Jean you say buzz on 35. Any head aches Sun morn. An excellent beach party. Eat much? Drink much? Contact football. OUCH! Thanx for the good time Dano. Did that sun set or what! Little girls room is the 3rd dune over. Put the Celtics on. Put the music on. Do girls play football? Guess so.

To Kim Henderson, Thank you for contributing all your time and effort during the past three years on behalf of the Class of 1978 and SGA. Your enthusiasm and genuine concern will be hard to match and greatly MISSED! From some of us who cared enough to vote!

To Deb, Cyndi, Elyse, Barb and all you other nuts (you know who you are!) who made my birthday such an "unusual" but very happy day. Thanx so much for all of your thoughtfulness, tricks and everything else in between (?) You guys just wait till your birthdays!!! Much love, M.E.

MOCCTB-ababab, deadly cucumbers, crowd warfare, airhead, heartburn, rareform friday nite, a fate worse than death, let's make hoopy if you know what i mean, here comes the chief, phantom kisser, fingers, shredded feet, rustle, bye, bye. Love, the over the hill gang

Sat. Nite Live 2- Who's in jail where? What a nite. Campfire tunes on the beach. Badmitten in gale winds. Tap another keg. Long walks on the beach. Raw burnt chicken. Hi turtle: Soreness Mon. morn, a painful day. Coming home a driver's delight-what's death. Overall a super weekend. We're still having fun & you're still the one.

DEDICATED TO LAURIE AND MICH. I heard your little walk was fun, Until Michelle stuck up her thumb, Not only did you come in LATE, Whoever thought you would thumb to the CAPE!! P.S. Laurie, I'll never answer another "VISITOR PAGE!" Sign: Dick

Mike-From 12 pairs of BVD's to 4?! Where did they disappear to? Do you have something up your "sleeve"? That is clue number one. If you need clue number two, I will soon give it to you. Signed-The BVD Phantom

Deacon: Sorry if your kidnapping was a rattle and you had to miss Sat. Nite Live but we know our version was better. You do have potential-don't kid yourself! Your Abductors (Deacon's Devils). See you on the set!

Twelve was enough, we had fun anyway. Highlights of the day (and the previous evening) included: The Pointer and Sequoia (alias C.W.) freaking out every other C.B.er on channels 19 and 10; a surprise visit from our favorite baby; a softball game called for bugs; and a giant-size Big Mac (the Sandwich Lady is jealous!)...Love, Tinkerbell. P.S. Happy Birthday Artie!

Author dear: Happy Birthday! How old are you or won't you tell? Remember me? You tried to set me up with a blind date who was probably REALLY blind! Thanks anyway love! JET

Hugh: We've figured it out! They all have 46 chromosomes, binocular vision, bilateral symmetry, and have probably never experienced the Spanish Inquisition. (Nobody experiences the Spanish Inquisition, or is that expects?) Oh well, it would still make a great biology/history documentary. Karen the Moose & Joanie the Penguin

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# The Arena

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The Patriots Day Marathon

## A Big Success

by Janet Kelly

Bridgewater's Patriots' Day celebration is now over and it was a huge success! With the 3-mile Marathon, the exhibit of Revolutionary flags in the Library, and the Patriots' Puzzle in the Union, the whole campus was involved in the spirit of Patriots' Day. Other small exhibits were the books dealing with the revolution and the commemoration of the tea party, by the S U Program Committee.

The major event of the day was the marathon which raised seventy-five dollars to benefit the Heart Fund. The 100 entrants who paid a donated to the fund. During the Marathon, canisters were passed among the observers who contributed generously.

The Marathon sponsored by the Political Science Club in conjunction with the Physical

Education Organization commenced at 11 am at the Tillinghast stairs. Rich Tanner, President of the Senior Class, started the proceedings with a reading of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," while dressed in attire of the Revolutionary Era. Dean Deep then fired the starting gun to start the race.

Sixty-two runners participated, including several professors. Most notable was Dr. Keay, History Department, who made a spectacular finish, coming from behind in the last few yards to finish second to last.

Jim Kane, Chemistry, took the lead from the start, running the first mile with ease at a time of 5:06. As first prize winner, he received the crowning laurels from President Rondileau. Jim also received gifts from several area merchants.

Second place went to Mike

Brennan at 16:31. Arnie Harper placed third at 17:23, closely followed by Dave Danesco at 17:30. Mike Whalen finished fifth with a time of 18:03. The top five finishers received gifts from local merchants.

Linda Corbid was the first woman to finish, running the marathon in 21:30. She placed 32nd and received a boutonniere from Pres. Rondileau.

Among the dignitaries in the reviewing stand were Matthew Stuggles, Chairman of the Bridgewater Board of Selectman; and Linda Brookfield, representative of the Heart Fund, College

of the State.

Congratulations go to the runners and all who were in shape to run the 3-mile marathon course. To all who could not run this year, start getting into shape for the Second Annual Patriots' Day Marathon!



Linda Corbid: First Woman to finish

## A Day At the United Nations

On Thursday, April 14, 84 members of the History and Political Science Clubs journeyed to New York City for a one day visit to the United Nations. In attendance along with the students were Dr. Adamson of the Political Science Department and both Drs. Keay and Wolff from the History Department. This excursion was a joint venture sponsored by the History and Political Science Clubs and the funds were provided by the club.

Before leaving BSC, the food service provided a quick breakfast for the travellers served on board the buses before departure. Leaving at 5:30 am to insure arrival at 10:00 am to begin a busy itinerary did not work out as planned. Both buses had their problems. One bus had to return to terminal twice for tire repairs while the other had problems with directions to New York.

After missing our guided tour at 10:00, the group was able to make the next appointment at 11:00. This meeting was a briefing by Molly Williamson, a special assistant Under Secretary-General of the United Nations. She spoke on human rights in the international arena. Stressing a dilemma that the UN faces due to the contradictions in human rights accords. She offered the UN's actions to these problems. During her presentation, Ms. Williamson used two examples of countries violating human rights. These countries were Chile and Uganda. Both these countries have a constant pattern of human rights violations. Also pointed out to the group was that there is no consensus on global human rights, but the UN is diligently working for its progressive development.

Next on the agenda was lunch at noon. The travellers had their choice of eating in the Delegate's Dining Room or the Coffee Shop. The Delegate's Dining Room required a reservation, proper attire and sufficient money in order to dine there. The students had their choice from an international menu. The Coffee Shop featured food priced modestly which was served in an informal manner.

At 1:00pm, the students had the opportunity to view an exclusive showing of two films. These movies were "Apartheid: Twentieth Century Slavery" and "Namibia: A Trust Betrayed." Unfortunately only a handful of students along with Dr. Adamson attended the showing. The others were still eating, browsing in the gift shops or lost in the UN building.

2:00 brought an opportunity for the students to attend a Canadian mission briefing or a free hour. En route to the briefing, students were confronted with an Ethiopian protest group in front of the Canadian Mission. Once safely inside, approximately twenty people heard Gail Tyerman speak on "Canada's Role in the United Nations."

Ms. Tyerman's talk focused on Canada's role in the United Nations. It was said that Canada had a flexible role both within the United Nations and the international economic order. The independence of Canada from the United States was another point of her briefing stressing that Canada possessed the required technology to be self-sufficient.

After missing our guided tour at 10:00, we were afforded a chance to tour the complex at 3:00pm. The students broke up into four groups led by experienced guides. Our guided tour led us through UN Headquarters with an explanation of the aims, structure and activities of the United Nations, as well as a description of the works of art and architectural features along the tour route.

Our last meeting was scheduled for 4:00 at the American Mission. We were privileged to meet with Mr. Brady Tyson, a delegate to both Economics and Social Council and Commission on Human Rights. Mr. Tyson, being a lifelong partisan democrat, was a political appointee of President Carter.

His talk focused on human rights and he later fielded questions from the group. Mr. Tyson explained the sources of the human rights movement, the Carter Administration's positive approaches toward human rights and spoke on the cumbersome and incremental response by the UN in relation towards human rights.

After this meeting, it was time to head back to Bridgewater. Along the way the group stopped for dinner at a Howard Johnson's in East Norwalk Ct. After dinner the students were ready for the ride home in which the majority slept along the way.

Summing it up, the field trip was a success. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time and behaved well. Recognition must be extended to Patricia Cotter and Christine Hansen, respectively the Presidents of the History and Political Science Clubs. It was their hard work that made the trip what it was—successful.

## "Flowers On Horseback"

Barbara Wilson

You missed out again!! This time you missed an excellent opportunity to view the political and social life in China. Yes, Congresswoman Margaret Heckler of the 10th Congressional District came to Bridgewater State College on the 13th of April, to show a documentary film on China. Congresswoman Heckler was chairperson of a Congressional fact finding mission to the People's Republic of China. Among the delegation were 11 congresswomen and guests, Dr. Joyce Kallgren, a professor from the University of

California at Berkley, a physician and an independent television crew. The delegation was the first group of congressional representatives to visit China after the trip President Ford made in early December of 1975. The trip planned for the delegation covered an 11 day period from December 30, 1975 to January 9, 1976.

One film has been nominated for a documentary award. "Flowers on Horseback" was made by an independent television crew for the delegation to show the American people how the Chinese people live and work. Congresswoman

Heckler said in a presentation that she was most impressed with the Chinese work effort. At one point the film shows workers with shovels digging an irrigation ditch. With no exaggeration. The pace the workers worked made you think the film was turned on to fast forward. The delegation visited schools, attended 11 course banquets, went to factories and visited communes. Congresswoman Heckler added the trip was indeed a success. Their film "Flowers on Horseback", was a great accomplishment of a congressional delegation.

## New Trends in Carter's Foreign Policy

On Friday April 22 Mr Ronald Woods, who is presently Deputy Director for the office of Northern European Affairs, spoke to Professor Michael Kryzonek's Comparative Government class. Mr. Woods is a career foreign service officer. He has had assignments in Cairo, Rome, Paris and Strasbourg. He has served as an Intelligence and Research Specialist and has also worked as Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary of State.

Mr. Woods spoke about the new trends that are developing in the Carter administration in foreign policy. President Carter in putting special emphasis in the area of international peace, with emphasis

in regional disputes, like the Middle East, Cyprus, and the African problem. There is also definite movement to strengthen alliances with the Nato members and also our South American neighbors. Mr. Woods suggests that the Carter detente is getting tougher especially in the S.A.L.T. talks with the Russians and also dealing with other global issues like the transfer of conventional arms and the non-proliferation of nuclear energy. The last two points mentioned by Mr. Woods are the most publicized changes that President Carter has brought about in his foreign policy. These are the stressing of Human Values and Human Rights internationally and also his

openness to the public, by letting the public know what he is doing in his policy.

Mr. Woods then commented on three trends in European affairs that the U.S. should keep a watch on. These include less U.S. involvement in affairs due to the position of these European governments. Also the rise of the Germany's, as they are now the biggest and most stable power in Europe. The last point was that of the rise of Communist governments in Italy and France.

There followed a short question and answer period, in which Mr. Woods was asked about his travels and his jobs. Mr. Wood's presentation was very impressive and it was well received by the



# New SGA

The new officers of the Student Government Association were sworn in May 3, 1977. The Student Government Association is an organization of students working for students, and tackles issues on all aspects of college life. Take advantage by dropping by the SGA chambers, located on the third floor of the Student Union, with any questions or just to say hello.



**President**

**Joe Lamothe**

- ceremonial head of the SGA
- appoints members to all-college committees
- calls meetings of the Senate and prepares the agenda

*"The Student Government Association will work best in representing students' interests if the students make their views known to the SGA."*

**Second Vice President**

**Carole Hamilton**

- homecoming chairperson
- chairs Social Activities committee
- Senate representative to the Program Committee

*"It is both an honor and a pleasure to be a member of SGA and in the position to represent the students at BSC. And, as second Vice President, with the help of the Homecoming Committee, I plan to do my best in representing a variety of student interests in organizing the best Homecoming ever!"*



**Treasurer**

**Lisa Gorman**

- deals with financial procedures such as annual and semiannual budgetary requests, audits, and freezing or revocation of funds
- chairs Ways and Means Committee

*"As a member of SGA, I have an obligation to keep the students informed of all happenings within the college community. As chairperson of Ways and Means, I will try to distribute all funds fairly to all clubs and organizations and will make myself available to answer any student's questions about club funding and policies."*



# Officers

**First Vice President**

**Al Silva**

- chairs Senate meetings
- appoints members to standing Senate committees
- takes over in absence of the President

*"I would like to see the SGA become more responsive to the students. I feel that if students have a problem they should feel free to come to us and that we could direct them. I plan to run orderly meetings by enforcing the rules and to have a tighter rein on committees."*



**Secretary**

**Anne McAdams**

- records the minutes of the SGA meeting
- attends to all correspondence

*"I am very excited about being Secretary of the Student Government Association and am looking forward to next year. I hope that more students will be able to assist anyone with any questions or problems that they might have concerning SGA."*



**Assistant Treasurer**

**Riche DiGuilio**

- in absence or at the discretion of the Treasurer, executes the duties and executes the power of the President

*"I fractured my back in a skiing accident in March and feel the bigger chair will do wonders for my back. . . and ego."*

*"I do hereby swear to uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association. . . ."*



# The Arts Farces Open Tonight!

## Action Center for Women's Benefit for The Equal Rights Amendment

by Debbe Evans

"Equality of rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state on account of sex."

Twenty four simple, direct, powerful words. The ERA is our opportunity to eliminate legal discrimination against women and to provide the Supreme court with a basic guideline in future litigation. ERA will also compel Federal State and local governments to change existing discriminatory laws to conform with it and protect all anti discriminatory laws now on the books from repeal.

Why should you support ERA when you like the life you have now? The reason is that your life could change and in a different situation you could find the inequality women now face a severe handicap. Life insurance is seldom enough to cover a widow's expenses. Even if you work now outside the home and make social security benefits along with your husband, you may not receive the benefits you have accumulated. According to current Federal law, upon the retirement of the first working spouse, the couple must choose one of two Social Security benefit programs. They are not entitled to both.

Did you know that the President's Council of Economic Advisors estimate women now earn 20% less than men for equal work. ERA will provide real job and pay equality for women who work.

ERA would mean more personal freedom for you, such as being able to secure your own credit. You'd have the right to manage your own property, establish a business and enter into contracts on your own. It would mean you will be employed

on your capacity to perform -- paid and promoted accordingly and be entitled to equal Social Security benefits. It would mean that the "good of the child" would be the primary criterion for awarding custody; alimony would continue to be awarded on the basis of need.

Only a Constitutional Amendment--with its massive, legal, moral and symbolic impact--can provide the impetus for the necessary changes in our laws. The National Organization for Women has called for unity; for all people to overcome their differences and fight for notification of ERA. Instead of partaking in violent protest, women are calling for lobbying citizens - education and economic pressures in states that have not ratified ERA. In addition to those a group of ERA supporters are pulling together 3 caravans which will go from town to town to galvanize support for ERA.

Naturally, all these activities take money. The Action Center for Women at Bridgewater has responded to the appeal of the new Legal Defense and Education fund, by sponsoring a benefit on May 10, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. An evening of diverse musical entertainment is planned. Our performers include:

Jim Monahan  
Karen Tobin  
Liz Smith and Lyn Marzilli  
Nancy McGrath and Jane Zdon  
Maryte Bisinkauskas  
Mark, Miekey and Wick  
Dennis Blanchard

The admission is only \$1.00, a small price to pay for the sake of your children and your grandchildren. Help us to finish this very important unfinished business. ERA must be passed.



Brindsley and Clea (Dave Finlay and Jane Laffey, sitting) don't seem to please the other cast members. (L-R, Bob O'Haver, Brian Hall, Jill Cohen and Jeff Entwistle.) For the climactic results, see BLACK COMEDY. Below, Felicity Cunningham (Denyce Musial) seems to be somewhat upset with Birdboot (Donald Capen). To find out what happens, get your tickets now for THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND (below) and BLACK COMEDY.

THE ENSEMBLE THEATRE WILL PRESENT TWO HILARIOUS FARCES FOR FOUR NIGHTS ONLY BEGINNING TONIGHT (THURS., MAY 5) AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE S.U. AUDITORIUM.

THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND by Tom Stoppard and BLACK COMEDY by Peter Shaffer will be presented in the arena stage setting. The farces both deal with the theme of "tricks", but differ stylistically. HOUND is an intellectual farce which parodies the late night detective-thriller as well as the humbug of theatrical critics, and COMEDY is a more conventional farce with the usual slapstick humor and chaotic actions.

Tickets are available at the box office in the Auditorium Lobby, but they're going fast! Admission is only \$1.50 for BSC staff and students, and \$2.50 for all others.

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## Choral Society Concert

On Friday evening, May 13, at 8:00 the Bridgewater State College Choral Society will present its Annual Spring Concert in the Student Union auditorium.

The Choral Society is comprised of four groups. The Chorale, a large mixed group under the direction of Theodore C. Davidovich, will feature, among other works, Mozart's REGINA

COELI, accompanied by instrumentalists from the New England Conservatory. Soloists for this work will be: Soprano Cheryl Potvin, contralto Helen Farrell, tenor Michael Duarte, and bass Joseph

Mullaney. The Chamber Choir, also directed by Dr. Davidovich, will feature English madrigals along with works by Hildor Lundvik and Wilbur C. Greckel. The Women's Glee Club, under the direction of Maxine M. Asselin, will present works by Casals and Poulenc. The Americana Singers, also directed by Dr. Asselin, will feature pieces from several Broadway musicals as well as other contemporary American works.

The public is cordially invited to enjoy an evening of fine choral music in the Student Union auditorium, free of charge.

## Area Openings

Charles Playhouse, Boston: The Charles Playhouse (76 Warrenton St.) box-office is now open for "Me & Bessie," the musical tribute to Bessie Smith (Empress of the Blues) starring Tony winner, Linda Hopkins, in its Boston premier beginning May 11 for eight weeks. Norman Kean, N.Y. producer of "Bessie", who believes that the Charles Playhouse is one of the best Off-Broadway type houses in the country, is already planning to world premier his newest musical at the Charles in the fall. That production, titled "A Broadway Musical", is being written by Lee Adams and Charles Strouse (they wrote the music for "All in the Family", "Bonnie & Clyde"). Capitalized at \$900,000, the musical will feature a male star lead and Linda Hopkins (providing a national tour of "Me & Bessie" has ended). "A Broadway Musical" is about two white producers putting together a Black musical.

The play that the Providence Journal called "A Trinity triumph" will have 16 performances of which 10 have been pre-sold to students as part of Project Discovery, Trinity's student audience program.

Directed by Adrian Hall and designed by Eugene Lee, the play concerns two itinerant ranch hands in 1930's America, one of whom is a huge retarded man, gentle yet capable of destroying everything he touches. The two drift from job to job trying to stay alive, holding out for the dream of "building a stake" and buying their own land. Just when their hope is highest, Lennie, the retarded worker, accidentally destroys things for them.

"Of Mice and Men" is recorded in the annals of American theatre as one of the classic stories about the Depression era. The Trinity cast includes: William Damkoehler, Peter Gerety, Tom Griffin, Ed Hall, Richard Jenkins, David C. Jones, David Kennett, Mina Manente, Norman Smith, and Daniel Von Barger.

Tickets for "Of Mice and Men" are available at the Trinity Square box office, 201 Washington Street, Providence. Call 351-4242.

Trinity Square's highly acclaimed production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" is being given a special return engagement in Trinity's upstairs theatre in May.



The amazing Paul Winter Consort, which played here at BSC on April 20. The Consort includes: Paul Winter (saxes), David Darling (Cello), Paul McCandless (oboe and English horn), Joel Andrews (harp), Russ Hartenburger and Bob Becker (percussion--timpani, tabla tarang, African drums, Brazilian surdos, Israeli jar drum, and assorted percussion instruments).

## Paul Winter Consort

by Gil Bliss

The relatively unheralded Paul Winter Consort played to a partially filled house last week here at BSC, and went away having delivered one of the finest performances ever on a Bridgewater stage.

The group draws on many influences for its music, notably classical; jazz; rock; music from around the world; and natural sounds. They opened with their most recognized composition, "Icarus" by ex-member Ralph

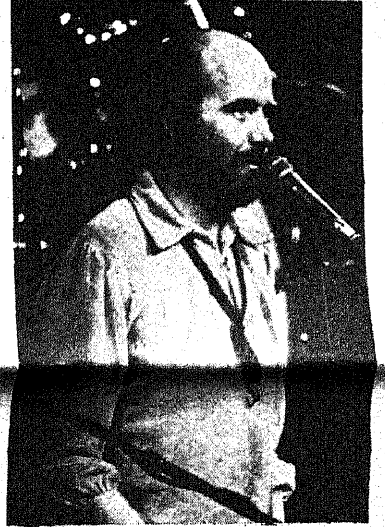
(saxes, bass, keyboards, and percussion), the first number was breathtakingly beautiful and left the audience somewhat stunned (most did not know what to expect).

They set a striking picture onstage, percussion pieces filling most available space. Paul Winter plays the saxes and makes them sound like a variety of instruments, ranging from alto flute to french horn. The cellist, David Darling, performed technically amazing solos and was visibly emotionally attached to his music. That was the key to the Consort--the emotion that they put into their music and in turn, shared with the audience. They maintained a good rapport

two-set performance, displaying fine craftsmanship with meaningful compositions.

The second piece, "Ballad in 7/8" borrowed heavily from Bartok with the Consort twist. David Darling performed gyrations on the cello that would put many a rock guitarist to shame, and drummer Tigger Benford performed a percussion solo with kettle drums, timpani and assorted foreign drums. The percussion ranged from rolling thunder to the windblown tinkling of bells and was easily one of the most captivating solos I have witnessed.

The Consort feel very strongly about ecology, and this was reflected in their music, particularly a piece in which the sounds of all the known endangered species were featured. A song beginning with natural whale songs really drove the point home that man plows on uncaringly with no regard to his surroundings. This is a fact that is all too easy to forget.



Paul Winter

The surprising thing is that after each number, one had to wonder how the next one could top it, but Winter kept everyone's interest throughout.

The crowd on hand was either sated in their expectations, or left pleasantly surprised by an unfamiliar source. Hats off to the Fine Arts branch of the Program Committee, and its too bad that more students couldn't risk a dollar on something they may not have heard before.

The closing piece was again "Icarus," and the crowd left insuflled once again with the pleasant feeling which began the show.

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Amendment.



# Men's Track Smokes Stonehill

by JoAnn Merzigian

*"It is not the winning, but the taking part, not the conquering, but the playing fair."*  
--Baron de Coubertin

Many of us here at Bridgewater have, at one time or another, been involved in some type of athletic competition. Whether it be a varsity sport, a club, or intramurals, many of us have had a taste of victory, or the agony of defeat. Through all of this who would always be the ones to pull us out of our slump, or away from our discouragement--our fans, of course! Without the backing of a group of individuals, large or small, who are willing to come out to find where some athletes are putting a lot of time, hard work, and effort, a team can fall. Without the backing of the fans, a team's attitude can slacken, after all, they're not all out there to put their names in bright lights, but some are there to bring a little glory and pride back to BSC.

One such team is the Bridgewater Men's Varsity track team. A number of these men are dedicated athletes who love their sport and take time out from a number of social activities so that they can spend more time at strengthening individual performance from meet to meet. I'm sure a 1-4 record is a bad sign in writing, but come see for yourself some of what Bridgewater has produced in Men's track.

The opening meet of the season, April 5, at Fitchburg State, was the first sign of the beginnings of a discouraging season as it was cancelled due to rain and snow. On April 9, Salem State College hosted an invitational which included Bridgewater, SMU, Worcester State, Fitchburg State, Plymouth State, and Eastern Connecticut. BSC found themselves low in the standings but watched Tom Woods placing sixth in the hammer throw, Gary Fiset in a tie for third place with a high jump of six feet, and one school record smashed. Congratulations to Louis



left to right: I hope the mats are still there, "worries Larry Tufts, Now, how was I supposed to land?", gasps Gary Fiset. Louis Delassandro displays perfect style. Loser of the sand castle contest, Jim Steerwall.

Delassandro, BSC's freshman standout athlete, who sent the current school record of 17.1 in the 120 high hurdles crashing down to 15.5.

On April 16, the trackmen travelled to Nichols College where, again they met disappointment lightened by the breaking of four school records.

Records broken were:  
Tom Woods--Hammer Throw--119'5" to 126'7"  
Tom Hilse--Shot Put--37'0 1/2" to 40'1"  
Dean Corey, Russ Carr, Jim Billings, Louis Delassandro--4 x 440 relay--3:49 to 3:45.5

Russ Carr--long jump--20'6" to 21'0"

BSC placed first in hammer, shot, pole vault, 1 and 3 miles, 120 high hurdles, 4 x 11C relay, long jump, and triple jump. Second in four events and third place in six events.

Last Wednesday April 27, BSC smoked Stonehill College, placing in every event. Support from the few fans in the stands helped boost the team's morale. Last Saturday the end of the month proved to be the highlight of the track season for some of the members. The MSCAC meet held at Westfield State College brought out the best

in men's track here at Bridgewater. Louis Delassandro, without surprise, placed first among all entrants in the 120 high hurdles. Tom Woods, once again setting a new school record, placed second among all hammer throwers.

In the pole vault, Larry Tufts, Jim Sheahan and Keith Rimer placed second, third, and fourth consecutively.

The final meet to close the season will be held Saturday May 7 at SMU with Keene State and RIC also competing.

The track team appreciates your support and would like to thank all those attending the Stonehill meet.

## Baseball at .500 Mark

by Tom O'Brien

You know how history is said to repeat itself. For instance, when Andrew Johnson was President, there was a scandal that nearly led to an impeachment; then, a few years ago, there was a scandal again that nearly led to an impeachment. You might also look at the comparisons of the assassinations of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy and say to yourself "Gee, history does repeat itself," or even "lightning does strike twice."

The BSC Baseball team seems to be giving the above-mentioned theories their approval between last year and this year. The 1976 Bears ended the season with a .500 record of 13 wins and 13 losses. This season, if all goes accordingly (and there is every reason to believe it will) the Bears will finish with a record of 14 wins and 14 losses. Currently, the Baseball team is at the 500 mark, 11-11, and since last Friday, April 29, the Bears have

won four and lost four;

### UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL

The University of Lowell has a fine Baseball team. They entered the April 29 game with Bridgewater with a 12-4 record and left with a 14-4 mark.

Southpaw Glen Chatterton pitched well in the first game but lost it 3-2; with two of Lowell's runs unearned in the second inning. "Chat's" only real mistake was hit out of the park in the third by Tom Jacobs, which made the score 3-0 for Lowell.

The Bears come up with one run in the bottom of the third when Jim Chiavaroli, who has been hitting the ball very well of late, tripled to right field and scored on a wild pitch. Chatterton gave up only one hit in the last four innings (5 overall) but the Bears could only come up with one more run; and that was the result of a Lowell error.

Game 2 looked as if it would also be a pitcher's duel; and for most of the game it was. Lefty Joe O'Halloran gave up a run on two hits in the hits in the 2nd but settled down after that until he tired in the seventh and Lowell scored six times to win the night cap 7-0. The Bears were unable to touch the fine Lowell pitching in this game, and their record dipped to 7-9.

### FITCHBURG STATE

In order not to stray too far away from playing .500 ball the Bears decided to sweep the double header with Fitchburg on Saturday, April 30. They did this rather convincingly 6-0 and 17-7.

In game one, Coach Lehmann gave right-hander John Kurley the starting assignment. Kurley responded by tossing a one-hitter, striking out seven to match the win. Kurley's tremendous performance was going along well until with one out in the sixth inning when a base hit spoiled his no-hitter. The Bears' runs were scored three at a time. In the second inning on two hits, and in the fifth on a Bob Spinney three-run hopper.

The second game was tougher for the Bears as they scored eight runs on six hits in the first inning. Joe O'Halloran hit the ball out of the park for two runs (he had 5 RBI's in the game), and John Bogannam belted a two-run

triple. The Bears scored four more runs before the inning was over. Bridgewater scored once in the 2nd, twice in the 3rd, two more in the 4th, three runs in the 5th, and Ricky Nysten hit a solo home run in the sixth to account for BSC's 17 runs. Doug Mildram was credited with the win; but he had to yield to relievers Tom Hart in the 6th and Howie Reshe in the seventh. The Bears record was even again, at 9-9.

### BARRINGTON COLLEGE

On Monday, May 2, Bridgewater kept its "even steven" pace alive by winning 2-1 and losing 5-4 to Barrington College. Danny Beksha held Barrington to just one run in the first game but had to have relief help from Glenn Chatterton in the 5th to secure the win. Bridgewater runs came in the 4th on a Jim Chiavaroli home-run and in the 5th on a Jim on a Lee Phillips RBI double.

The Bears lost game number 2 5-4. Rick Czyzewski started the game and was relieved by Howie Reske who pitched very well over the final 5 1/3 innings. Reske did not give up a run and was touched for only six hits. BSC scored their runs in the 2nd on an Arty Morgan two-run home run. In the seventh inning Jim Chiavaroli tagged another "toter" with one on base, and John Bogannam had an RBI single.

### SALEM STATE

With the Bears record again even at 10-10, the outcome of the double header was almost inevitable. They should win and they should lose. And they did just that! Glen Chatterton picked up another win in game number one but the Bears had to come from behind to do it. After leading 1-0 on a Jim Chiavaroli sacrifice fly, Salem scored four times in the 5th to take the lead. But Bridgewater staged their "comeback" in the bottom of the 5th inning number five. Once again the bat of Jim Chiavaroli provided some fireworks as "Chiva" doubled with the bases loaded to bring in two runs. John Bogannam contributed an RBI single, Lee Phillips also

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## Women Set School Records

BSC kicked the season off with a tri-meet against East Stroudsburg and Southern Connecticut on April 12th. SCONN won with 81 points, followed by ES with 48 and BSC with 32.

Bridgewater took first in 3 events. Kathy Countie's 4'11" effort in the high jump was good for a first place tie in that event. Cheryl Simmons won both the 1 mile and 2 mile, in 5:51.5 and 12:41.1 (new school record).

Becky Welsh tossed the javelin 128.5 for second place in the meet and a new school record. Noreen McLaughlin ran 100 in 12.3 for another BSC second place.

Third place finishers for Bridgewater were Marcia Benoit in the mile run, Kris Anderson in the 100 meter hurdles, and Marianne Corbett in the 440.

The 440 relay team of Patti Barr-Kris Anderson-Nancy McMurray and Noreen McLaughlin took third with a time of 56.8. The mile relay team of Loraine Yanchuk-Patti Barr-Carol Robert-Marianne Corbett posted a 4:36.7 in the first run ever of that event for

BSC, good for 3rd place.

In the UMass Relays 4 days later, Becky Welch took third place with a 123'4" javelin heave. The sprint medley team of Barr-Richards-McLaughlin-Robert grabbed 4th with a 2:01.2. And Janet Richards 15'8" long jump effort established a new school record.

The following week the Bears bested SMU 52-26. Linda Dodd won the 2 mile run (13:26.3), with Marcia Benoit second (13:34). Carol Robert took first in the 440 with 65.1 performance, Patti Barr coming in 3rd.

Marianne Corbett's 28.1 was good for second in the 220, as was Judy Dube's 69'3 1/2" in the discus. Noreen McLaughlin grabbed 1st in the 100 (12.2) as did Marcia Benoit in the 1 mile (6:18.3).

The 440 relay team of Corbett-Richards-Barr-McLaughlin set a new school record and placed first with a 53.0. The 880 relay team did the same (McLaughlin-Robert-Barr-Corbett) with a 1:54.2.

Kathy Countie won the high jump (4'10"), followed by Andrea Haefling (4'6").

## Tennis Still Unbeaten

BSC tennis kept alive its undefeated season by topping Rhode Island College 6-3 Thursday in the last home match of the year. High winds and very tough opposition made concentration a most important factor for Mike Cobb, Bob Harrington, Jeff O'Connell, and Rich Segal who managed singles victories. In doubles, Cobb-Harrington and O'Connell-McDermott were winners over a

team that last year dominated the BSC squad.

The team wraps up its season this weekend with away matches at Eastern Nazarene on Thursday, Quinniac College on Friday and U. New Haven on Saturday. The Connecticut schools have been difficult in the past, but the team is optimistic about this weekend's challenge.

# Hopscotch hers Top Record

Seventy-three long hours and one world record later, the Hopscotch Marathon had finally ended. Surrounded by a crowd of over 200 well-wishers cheering to the strains of Boz Scaggs "It's Over" which played on a nearby 8-track, the four-girl team finished their stint at 8 p.m. Tuesday night.

The previous record, according to the Guinness Book, was 36 hours, 19 minutes established by a two girl team. The BSC quartet kicked off their Marathon on Saturday night at 7, and with the aid and entertainment of faithful followers, food and drink (keep the carbohydrates coming), and massages and linament for aching muscles, they did it!

The victorious group consisted of senior Donna Macomber and juniors Linda Quintiliani, Pauline Silvia and Sue Walekus.

All of the girls agreed that the high point of the Marathon was the last hour. Spirits were high with the end so near in sight, and pain and discouragement were temporarily forgotten in the excitement of the moment. All also agreed that Monday night was the low point of the endeavor, as physically and psychologically the group was their lowest. What pulled them through? "The kids that came out here to support us, even in the middle of the night," Linda Quintiliani was quick to reply, and the other three were in whole-hearted agreement!

In keeping with the unusualness of the event itself, the finish was as "unique" as the idea of the Marathon itself. Champagne flowed, many glasses (or rather cans) were raised in celebration, and an impromptu Aquabrytes show took place in the reflecting pool behind the Union.

"Maca", Linda, Pauline and "Wally" all expressed gratitude for the countless people who helped them in many, many ways. Since it is totally impossible to mention names, as so many people helped, some would surely be

thank you goes out to all who helped. Without these "unsung heroes" the group could not have done what they did.

Luckily, weather conditions were good, with only a brief shower Monday afternoon. And also fortunately, all four girls were in good health at the finish - considering what they had just been through.

Although a final count was unavailable at the time of this writing, the Marathon raised over \$300 for the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at BSC.



Donna Macomber



Linda Quintiliani



Pauline Silvia



Sue Walekus

The Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Huber and Professor John Smith, is for the benefit of children 18 months through 16 years with physical, mental, and emotional impairments or disabilities. What's the next project for the near future except possibly a well-deserved sleeping record!!



Mary "Killer" Kelleher provides impromptu entertainment.

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# MAA Salutes BSC Athletes

Steve Washkevich of the football team and captain of the tennis team, Mike Cobb, were co-winners of the first annual Edward C. Swenson Award presented this past Sunday at the Men's Athletic Association Father and Son Banquet. The award, named after BSC's retiring Athletic Director, was given for "outstanding participation in Bridgewater Athletics." Washkevich was a co-captain this past season and has been cited by the Associated Press and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference for his offensive performances as running back during the past two seasons. Cobb, a Bridgewater resident, has been captain of the tennis team for two years and is currently leading his team to an undefeated season.

An unsuspecting Brian "Squeak" Hanlon received the Unsung Hero Award presented to an athlete whose athletic dedication goes unnoticed. Fred Johnson of the hockey team was the award whose recipient is a top point getter for the team during his first three years, but lined tri-captain this past season. Hanlon's continued support despite his bronchial condition. Coach Johnson as a fine example of his right to be named Unsung Hero.

The Men's Athletic Association cited Mike Rosen, a senior basketball player, as the only All-American. Mike has been

"Squeak" Hanlon's Award usually goes to a player whose selfless play goes unnoticed. Coach Johnson presented the award to Hanlon, who is always kept a secret. Hanlon, the hockey team's captain, was a senior this year. Coach Johnson cited Hanlon as a fine example of his right to be named Unsung Hero.

swimming for four years, but last year became the only athlete in Bridgewater State College history to receive All-American honors. Coach Joe Yeskewicz presented this acknowledgment along with the annual Bill Taft Award. The Taft Award is named after a young Bridgewater swimmer who died just prior to the summer of his senior year. This year's recipients were the seniors of the swim team.

Other coaches also presented due recognition to their athletes. Coach Knudson presented Coach Parsons for having made the ECAC Weekly All-Star Team early in the basketball season. Senior football jerseys were handed out by Coach Mazzaferro, and Coach Chris Brady gave awards to some of the track stars who have received All-conference acclaim. Mike Cobb approached the head table a second time to receive from Coach Mogilnicki the second annual Henry Rosen award presented to the best scholar/athlete on the tennis team.

Dr. Lawrence Quigley, Deputy Chancellor of the Massachusetts State College System, was the evening's invited guest speaker and was substituting for President Adrian Rondreau as an award presenter. The annual President's Award, given "for outstanding contribution to Bridgewater athletics" but not as an athlete, was bestowed upon Coach Swenson. Dr. Quigley, in making his presentation speech, noted Swenson for his twenty-eight years of undying service he has given at the college. The Coach was also awarded an M.A.A. varsity jacket which, despite having presented thousands in the

past, he had never previously received.

Keith Fitzpatrick, a Bridgewater State cartoonist of unlimited talent, presented each varsity coach with a framed cartoon highlighting the season's events and top performers. For the banquet occasion he had also drawn a portrait of Coach Swenson encircled by all the coaches of this, the man's last year. Many of these drawings can be found in past COMMENT issues.

Incoming M.A.A. officers were also sworn in. However, many agreed that the highlight of the evening came early as everyone in the banquet hall rose to give Coach Edward Swenson a standing ovation at his last formal affair as Athletic Director of Bridgewater State.



Ed Swenson

## Baseball Cont'd

had a run scoring single, and a wild throw to first base allowed the Bears final run to score in the 7-4 victory. If the first game was the win, the second was the loss. Joe O'Halloran has pitched well this season but has run into some hard luck. There always seems to be a pitcher on every team that the hitters never seem to come through for, and Joe is that pitcher this year. O'Halloran lost the game 3-1; he gave up only two earned runs in pitching the complete game. The Bears had a short rally in the bottom of the seventh but scored only once on a Danny Bettencourt single. Around the Bases... WBIM-FM broadcast

the game against Lowell on Friday. The radio station will also broadcast the Thursday May 5 game against State and the final scheduled game will be at Legion field, and will provide the play by play starting at 7 p.m. for both games. Jim Chiavaroli has been eleven pounds overweight since the season began, but "Chiva" has put on extra poundage into his bat of late. Mariah and Karen, the team statisticians, all their help with games this season.

on Friday, April 29, the Bears also broadcast the game against Worcester State, May 10. Both games will start at 7 p.m. WBIM-FM will be starting at 1:00 p.m. Overweight when Chiavaroli has put that of late... This special thank you to statisticians for



# Softball Having Perfect Season

The women's softball team could easily turn into the biggest success story of BSC's 1976-77 sports teams. They've won six of their seven games so far and are seeded number 1 in the Regional playoffs to be held in Connecticut May 14-16.

Their opponents in the last two weeks have been Springfield, Keene State, UMass, and Southern Conn.

## SPRINGFIELD

Some late inning heroics enabled BSC to extend their record to 4-0 and hand Springfield their first loss of their season.

By the time the Bears got to bat in the bottom of the 2nd, they were down 2-0. But Bridgewater went to work and before the inning ended had tied things up 2-2.

Neither team threatened seriously until the 7th, when SC had the bases loaded with 2 outs. BSC frosh hurler, Marie Babbitt pitched her way out of this one, and the Bears got a chance of their own in the bottom of the 7th. Rightfielder Galante lashed a triple with one out but was left stranded on third after a BSC strike out and foul out.

Babbitt found herself in hot water once again in the top of the 8th, with Springfield runners on 2nd and 3rd and no outs. Here Babbitt came through again and got the next three batters to fly out.

A Ginny Walsh single, a Karen Baptista bunt and a Joan Howard walk loaded the BSC bases, and catcher Donna Arcudi stepped up to the plate. Arcudi bunted, and SC third baseman charged the ball and cut down Walsh at the plate. Springfield catcher Sherry Sanborn fired the ball to first to nab Arcudi for the second out. Meanwhile, senior Karen Baptista was coming full speed from 2nd and rounding 3rd. Sanborn took the throw from first in plenty of time to tag Baptista, but a quick-thinking gamble by the runner paid off. With Sanborn blocking the plate and expecting her to slide, Baptista leapt over the SC catcher, eluding the tag and giving Bridgewater a thrilling 3-2 extra inning victory.

Babbitt picked up her second win in as many starts, fanning 2, walking 5, and allowing 3 hits. Carol Galante and Ginny Walsh banged out two hits each, and Patty Perry, Jeanine Roy and Gayle Cameron had one RBI apiece.

The BSC-SC JV's played to a 4-4 tie when the game was called because of darkness. Sue Waletkus went the distance for Bridgewater, giving up 5 hits, walking 2 and striking out 3.

## KEENE

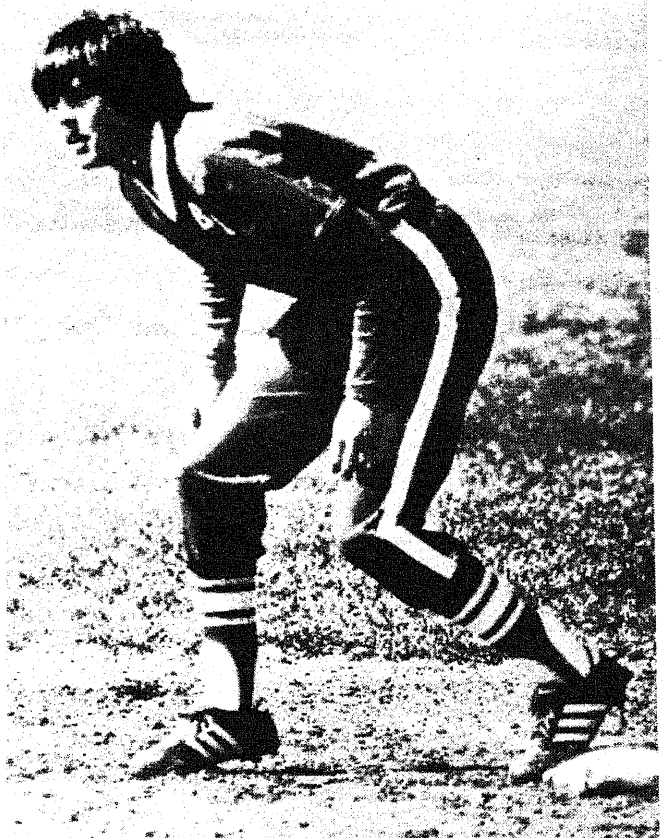
The Bears led for most of the game, withstood a 7th inning Keene rally, then stretched their record to 5-0 with a 5-3 victory.

Bridgewater tallied their 5 runs in the first four innings, while holding Keene scoreless (after a run in the first) for 5.

Things were quiet until bottom of the 7th,



Struggling to get into the picture is Donna Arcudi. Jenine Roy strains to see the ice cream truck.



when BSC pitcher, Pauline Silvia, began to tire and Keene chipped away at BSC's lead. With the bases loaded and one out, and the Bears holding on to a 5-3 edge, coach Ed Keyes brought frosh Marie Babbitt in in relief of Silvia. Babbitt as usual kept her cool and pitched the Bears their 5th victory.

Silvia, who went 6 and 1/3 innings, pitched a 1 hitter, but walked 9. Arcudi got 2 singles in 4 tries and picked up an RBI. Walsh and Cameron each got 1 hit and 1 RBI.

Keene's JV's nipped BSC's junior varsity 6-5. The JV Bears were leading 5-1 in the third; however Keene got 2 runs in the 4th, 1 in the 5th, and 1 in the 6th to edge past BSC. Sue Waletkus allowed only 2 hits, whiffed 3, and walked 4. BSC hitters with 1 apiece were Sandy Buscemi, Barbara Cooke, Jean Ellis, Kathy Smelster and Karen Hooper.

UMASS Both UMass (7-0) and BSC (5-0) put their undefeated records on the line. UMass had the edge in the beginning, picking up a run in both the first and the second to maintain a 2-0 lead for 6 innings.

The Bears had their backs against the wall in the bottom of the 7th, down 2-0 in the last regulation inning. Pitcher Marie Babbitt singled, then power hitter Giny Walsh belted a triple to make it 2-1. Donna Arcudi bounced a grounder down the right field line, bringing Walsh in with the tying run on a fielder's

choice. The 2-2 tie sent the game into extra innings, putting the Bears in a familiar situation—an instant replay of the Springfield game 10 days earlier.

Both teams went scoreless in the 8th and UMass went ahead 3-2 in the top of the ninth. In BSC's half of the ninth, Arcudi's 2 out single brought Baptista in from second to tie the game again, 3-3.

UMass was held at bay in the tenth, on a strong showing by relief pitcher Sue Waletkus. In the bottom of the 10th, with Gayle Cameron on first and two outs, Waletkus helped herself by striking a single to move Cameron to 2nd. Next batter Ginny Walsh dropped a single into shallow left field and Cameron came charging across the plate with the game winner, sending the UMass catcher flying. (Even Carol Trainor in room 404 at the Hill saw this one) and preserving BSC's undefeated record.

Babbitt went 7 innings, giving up 5 hits and 4 walks. Waletkus, in a strong 3-inning relief stint, gave up 3 hits and was credited with the victory.

Gayle Cameron had 3 hits, and Ginny Walsh, Joan Howard, Donna Arcudi and Sue Waletkus, 2 each. Rightfielder, Carol Galane had one hit and a birthday.

The BSC JV's scored a 9-8 come-from-behind victory over the UMass JV's to raise

their record to 1-1-1. Pauline Silvia was the winning pitcher. Sandy Buscemi and LuAnn McAuley had 2 hits apiece.

## SOUTHERN CONN.

Ginny Walsh opened the game by blasting a home run, and the Bears picked up 2 more runs in the first to lead 3-0 until the 4th inning. From here on, BSC fielding errors (4 in all) coupled with Southern Connecticut hits (12 all totalled) produced 5 Southern runs and an eventual 5-3 Bridgewater loss.

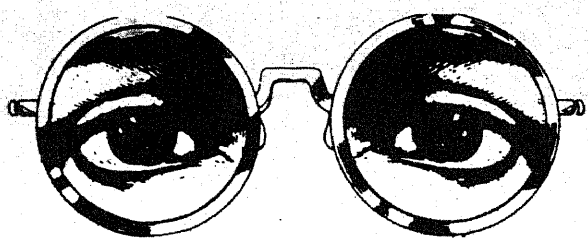
Ginny Walsh, Joan Howard, and Gayle Cameron each got 2 hits in three trips.

The BSC JV's exploded for 10 runs in the 6th inning to take a 14-8 victory over Southern. Sue Waletkus was the winning pitcher, fanning 2, walking 5, and allowing 8 hits.

Barbara Sarno clouted 2 home runs and a single in 4 tries, and Kathy Smelster smashed a 4 bagger, double, and a single in 3 trips. Barbara Cooke, Sue Waletkus, and Sandy Buscemi each belted 2 hits.

Tip-ins: Team co-manager is junior Sue Rottenburg, who was inadvertently misspelled last week ... Superfano Awards to Debbie "Bababshee" Baptista Moore and her fellow Baptist's James, Shirley and Cora ... Junior Gayle Cameron is BSC's entry in this weeks Snowshoes Races...

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## Bears Fall to UMass

The visiting UMass Minutemen dominated The Bears' second team put together offensively and defensively, routing BSC 12-1, probably the best match by either team this season. The Minutemen controlled the tempo of the season, yet on the end were on the short end match throughout, and capitalized on Bears' of a 7-5 score.

errant pass reception and loose defense. Mary Moulson, Betty Jenewin, Debbie Hill, UMass led 7-1 at the half, with Paul Mary Ann Frino and Joanne Loughlin Agnew's tally the lone score for Bridgewater notched goals for the Bears. Deb Draper in the match. Goalie Cheri St. Onge stopped recorded 15 saves for Bridgewater.

half of UMass's 14 shots in the first period. Second period action saw St. Onge make 10 saves at BSC's defensive end. On the BSC NU. Sue Sheahan and Kathy Parker put in offense, UMass completely shut off the the Bears' two goals. Bears attack, to the extent that defense player St. Onge stopped 10 NU shots, and would Mary Jane Muello attempted the only shot on like everyone to know that her bandana goal for Bridgewater. prevented her from being killed on one really

The victory put UMass at 5-0-1, which hard shot to her neck. How many liked that Bridgewater dropped to 0-4. story?

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